

**Community Preservation Act Committee (CPAC)**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, May 26, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm by Mary Streeter, Chair, at the town hall.

**Committee Members in Attendance:** Mary Streeter, Chair; Paris Boice, Vice-Chair, Ellen Kosmer, Peter Jessop, Laura Lovett, Richard Roznoy, Jim Brissette.

**Absent:** Marilyn Blaustein, Jim Oldham.

**Staff in Attendance:** Sonia Aldrich. **Select Board Rep in Attendance:** Andy Steinberg

**Town Meeting Issues and Updates**

--Four CPAC members have expiring terms, so the two at-large members to inform Select Board if they wish to stay on; Other two to inform representative committees.

--Reviewed CPA items voted on at Town Meeting

--Informed that Dave Ziomek, Assistant Town Manager, will give update on town projects in future

--Dave Ziomek requested CPAC to schedule a June meeting for this -- June 30 at 7pm picked as next CPAC meeting

--Discussed Little Red Schoolhouse group forming, which may come before CPAC; the schoolhouse was given a 1-year demolition delay by Historical Commission

--Sonia Aldrich provided committee with update on financial records; estimates that FY16 CPA balance at \$1,273,496.58.

**CPA Plan Discussion**

--Reviewed draft CPA plan outline.

**--Reviewed open space section.** Other relevant town committees will also weigh in on this plan. Accessibility issues, such as at Groff Park, discussed; importance of being responsive to needs to all citizens, such as those with physical disabilities. Noted that open space rehabilitation and restoration projects can only be funded with CPA money if the land was acquired by CPA funds per state law. The CPAC noted that this is an inconsistency in the state law. Plan to include key open space projects, but ensure flexibility for future or immediate needs. Also need to ensure that projects spread across town, east, west, south, north Amherst, and not focus on just one area/part of town. Paris Boice making changes to open space section.

**--Reviewed recreation section.** Recreation areas, facilities, and a rec center are all important to citizens of town, especially to families with children. Important for recreation areas to be provided for and accessible to people of all ages and abilities, and to be attractive and safe. Seeking to clarify active recreation -- does it include open space trails or just playing fields? Jim Brissette to seek LSSE to clarify this and provide definition of "active recreation." Also discussion of true population of full-time residents and access to private rec facilities/land in town and the relationship/access LSSE has to these facilities/land. Jim Brissette to edit and format so it's consistent with open space section.

**--Reviewed housing summary provided by Nate Malloy, town planning department.** This needs to be edited so it's also like the open space section. Discussed how housing proposals often dependent on market forces and require multiple sources of funds, so challenging for CPAC to take lead in development -- usually responding to requests such as for Rolling Green project. Production of housing is also very complicated because of land factors, huge costs, and other factors that CPCA unable to control. Peter Jessop to work with Nate Malloy to edit and revise this section.

**Approve any minutes:** Motion to accept the minutes of February 24, 2015 by Paris Boice and seconded by Laura Lovett, with minor revisions approved: 7-0-1.

**Adjournment: 8:50**

Moved by Mr. Jessup; seconded by Jim Oldham: unanimous.

**Documents Distributed**

- Agenda, 1 page
- Financial Status for CPAC Funds, 5/26/2015, 1 page
- Community Preservation Plan Draft Outline, 3 pages
- Draft CPAC Outline for Open Space Plan, 4 pages
- Draft CPAC Outline for Recreation Plan, 9 pages
- Housing Profile, 5 pages
- Historic Profile, 4 pages
- May 15, 2015, letter from Pioneer Valley Habitat for Humanity (re: 235 E. Pleasant St project), 1 page
- Draft Meeting Minutes, 2/24/15, 5 pages

Respectfully submitted by Jim Brissette, acting clerk  
Approved June 30, 2015